

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application

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**RESPONSE A TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following is a response to the Office Action mailed on March 7, 2003, setting a period for response expiring on April 7, 2003.

The above indicated Office Action made a restriction requirement between two groups of claims currently pending in the subject application.

Applicants elect, without traverse, and for the purposes of initial examination, the claims of Group II, which include claims 1-19 and 26-33.

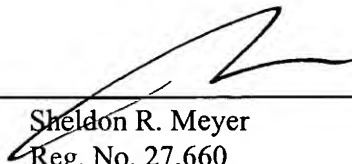
Applicants request that the remaining claims, including claims 20-25, be withdrawn from present examination. Applicants reserve the right to re-present these claims by filing a divisional application directed thereto.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully assert that the present application is in condition for examination. Should the Examiner have any questions with regard to the instant response, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 3/12/03

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